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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL WITH JOHAN H.DAHL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. DAHL SAID NORWAY IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITIONS. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR DAC DISCUSSION,BUT DAHL WILL TRY TO RELAY U.S. POSITIONS TO NORWEGIAN DELEGATION.

3. DAHL REPLIED TO REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

A. NORWAY AGREES THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS WAS MADE AT SEP 22-27 MEETING TO PAVE THE WAY FOR SUCCESSFUL MEETING FROM OCT 27-31 IN ROME.

B. NORWAY SUPPORTS \$1 BILLION COMBINED GOAL. DAHL ASSUMED THAT UNDER U.S. PROPOSAL OF \$200 MILLION WAS TO BE SPREAD OVER THREE YEARS--PLEASE CONFIRM.

C. DAHL INDICATED NORWAY WOULD CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST 40MILLION KRONER(\$1.00-NKR 5.5) OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD.

D. NORWAY AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO SMALL SECRETARIAT AND USE OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOST REPEAT MOST PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS AND WISHED IFAD TO BE A FUND AND NOT A BANK. HE ALSO AGREED THAT CONTROL OF PROGRAMS WAS OF UT-MOST IMPORTANCE.

E. IN GENERAL NORWAY SUPPORTS AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE ONE COUNTRY/ONE VOTE CONCEPT NOT WEIGHTED VOTING. DAHL MAINTAINED,HOWEVER, THAT ONE COUNTRY/ONE VOTE PRINCIPLE WILL HAVE LITTLE AFFECT SINCE VOTING DIVIDED INTO GROUPS (I.E., ONE-THIRD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,ONE-THIRD DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,ONE THIRD OPEC ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.)

F. DAHL'S INITIAL REACTION TO MEMBERSHIP QUESTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET WAS AGREE-MENT WITH U.S. POINT OF VIEW.

G. NORWAY HAS NO STRONG FEELINGS REGARDING THE SITE OF FUND AND WILL GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY.

H. GAHL MAINTAINED HE HAD NOT EXAMINED AMENDMENTS CLOSELY ENOUGH TO GIVE ANY DEFINITIVE ANSWERS.

4. COMMENT: DAHL HAS JUST ARRIVED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
FROM GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA. HE, THEREFORE, OFTEN
STATED NORWEGIAN POSITION WITH "IN PRINCIPLE" QUALIFIER.
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